

House Resolution No. 3274

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State religious organizations which have successfully met the spiritual needs of residents in local communities and neighborhoods for a significant number of years; and

Whereas, Sandy Baptist Church of Hillsboro has attained considerable distinction since its founding by preacher Thomas Donahue in 1824 with seven charter members, Fleming Hensley, Jane Hensley, James Hensley, Mrs. Alyde, John Harrington, and Mr. and Mrs. Frazier; and

Whereas, Sandy Baptist Church in Hillsboro was named after Sandy Creek Baptist Church in North Carolina near the state of Virginia, a geographical region where the seven charter members were living prior to their move to Missouri; and

Whereas, the eighteenth oldest Baptist Church west of the Mississippi River, Sandy Baptist Church is the oldest Baptist Church and the oldest Protestant Church in Jefferson County; and

Whereas, on October 8, 1853, representatives from Sandy Baptist Church and six other churches which it had helped establish met at Sandy Baptist Church in order to form the Jefferson Baptist Association; and

Whereas, not only has Sandy Baptist Church been a stellar member of the Hillsboro community through such programs as a bus ministry, but it has proven to be an invaluable member of the international community through such projects as providing automotive transportation for missions in China and Belarus and helping to build Tabor Baptist Church in Belarus; and

Whereas, the Sandy Baptist Church bus ministry helped mold the spiritual understanding of Jerry Cowin who later served as pastor of First Baptist Church in Farmington and as a missionary in Antigua; and

Whereas, Sandy Baptist Church also established a mission closer to home which would later become known as Jefferson Heights Baptist Church when its charter members moved their letters of membership from Sandy Baptist Church to the new facility:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the long, productive history of spiritual service garnered by Sandy Baptist Church down through the years and to convey to all of those involved this legislative body's heartiest congratulations and our best wishes as they celebrate One Hundred Eighty years as a religious institution; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of Sandy Baptist Church in Hillsboro, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Mark C. Abel
District No. 103

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 3274, adopted June 1, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker